SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: BRENDA M. DOERR, RN

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

License No. R042995

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Brenda M. Doerr, RN, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of South Dakota and holds license number R042995; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 15, 2014, the Licensee, while employed in a hospital, tested positive for a number of controlled substances, including tramadol, amphetamines, oxycodone, opiates, hydrocodone, and fentanyl, for which she did not have prescriptions.

Licensee was terminated; and

WHEREAS, Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice with the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board"), and signed a participation agreement with the South Dakota Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") on October 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the Licensee was placed on probationary status by the Board and mandated into HPAP. The Licensee signed the Stipulation and Order for Probation with HPAP on November 29, 2014. Said Stipulation and Order for Probation with HPAP was signed by the Board on December 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, following an involuntary committal to detox on January 28, 2015, HPAP notified the Board that Licensee's status in HPAP had been suspended due to no contact from the Licensee following her treatment. Licensee was discharged from HPAP for non-compliance on April 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2015, HPAP notified the Board that Licensee was unsuccessfully discharged from HPAP; and

WHEREAS, the Board, at its meeting on April 17, 2015, reviewed Licensee's case and her continued non-compliance with the HPAP program. The Board voted to seek a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order from the Licensee or, if that was not agreeable, to issue an Order for Summary Suspension and notice the Licensee for hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee received a letter along with the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order from the Board on May 13, 2015, by certified mail. The Licensee has failed to respond to the Board or to the Board's attorney in response to the letter; and

WHEREAS, based upon the affidavit of Francie Miller and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee's license.
- 3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the actions of the Licensee endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49.
- 4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause."
- 5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
- 6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.
- 7. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the 17th day of April, 2015, approved the issuance of this Order of Summary Suspension by a vote of 7-0, and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 33 day of _________, 2015.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

Executive Director

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Brenda M. Doerr, RN, License No. 042995 ("Licensee") as follows:

- 1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on Sptember 1, 2015, atil: 000 m. at the office of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

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- 3. The hearing will address the Board's assertion, as set forth in its Summary Suspension, that the Licensee, by her conduct, violated SDCL §§ 36-9-49 (4), (5), (7) and (10).
- 4. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether the Licensee's license shall be suspended, revoked or subject to other disciplinary action as determined by the evidence presented.
- 5. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding and has given her notice of request to the Board.
- 6. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 23 day of June, , 2015.

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License No. R042995

AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCIE MILLER

Licensee.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) : SS COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

- I, Francie Miller, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state as follows:
- 1. That I am a contract employee of the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") and am employed as a Nurse Program Specialist working primarily in the area of investigations and disciplinary issues.
- 2. That Brenda M. Doerr, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of South Dakota and holds license number R042995.
- 3. That on or about August 15, 2014, the Licensee, while employed in a hospital, tested positive for a number of controlled substances, including tramadol, amphetamines, oxycodone, opiates, hydrocodone, and fentanyl, for which she did not have prescriptions.

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- 10. Based upon the above, I conclude that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of persons entrusted to her care and that Licensee's license should be summarily suspended.

Affidavit of Francie Miller Licensee: Brenda M. Doerr

Dated this <u>23</u> day of June, 2015.

Nurse Program Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 23^{v4}day of June, 2015.

Notary Public - South Dakota
My commission expires: 01/02/2020